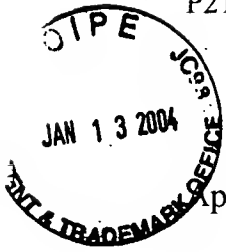


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on February 28, 2002, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report issued on December 17, 2003 for corresponding European Application No. EP 01 31 0058, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,766,798 to BECHTOLD et al., issued June 16, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,871,861 to HIROKOU et al., issued February 16, 1999; and

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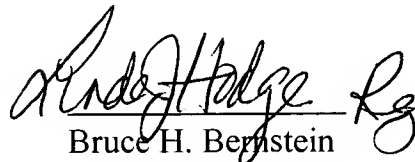
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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